



## Maskwacis Education Schools Commission

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### MESC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2022

MESC Governance and Training Centre

Google Meet- [meet.google.com/nej-utvn-rha](https://meet.google.com/nej-utvn-rha)

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Dr. Shauna Bruno
<b>Board Members:</b>	John Nepoose, Allison Adams-Bull, Councillor Tyler Makinaw, Jerry Saddleback Jr. (Google Meet- left 5:00pm), Chief Irvin Bull (Google Meet), Helen Bull (Google Meet- arrived 4:45pm), Councillor Mario Swampy (Google Meet- arrived 6:15pm)
<b>Staff:</b>	Brian Wildcat, Randy Risto, Tracy Sylvester, Sanila Mehal, Trina Vy (Google Meet)
<b>Guests:</b>	Matthew Wildcat
<b>Recorder:</b>	Jenn Nepoose

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#### 1. Meeting called to order 3:24pm

Opening prayer by John Nepoose

#### 2. Miyowâcimowin

- Acknowledgement of Chief Bull's services on the Board.
- School activities for Nehiyawatisowin week.

#### 3. Adopt agenda

**Presenter:** Dr. Shauna Bruno

**Discussion:**

- Do not have a quorum to adopt the agenda.

#### 4. Adopt minutes- February 15, 2022

**Presenter:** Dr. Shauna Bruno

**Decision:** Do not have a quorum to adopt the meeting notes.

**Business arising from minutes:**

- The Treaty board game is too general.
- Opportunity to tailor it to the history of each Nation.

#### 5. Ownership Linkage

##### a. COVID Response Update

**Presenter:** Brian Wildcat

**Discussion:**

- This will be the last verbal COVID update. Moving forward the update will be included in the Superintendent update.
- The vaccination requirement for students to be on school sports teams has been lifted. Unvaccinated students need to test before activities and travelling.



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- iii. Parents will be able to enter the school for meetings with the administration or teachers with a rapid test.
- iv. Restriction on field trips has been lifted with guidelines.
- v. Review stats on positive COVID cases in the schools.
- vi. Review changes to the guidelines to manage a positive case.
- vii. Discussion on vaccination policy and when to lift it.

### b. Update from Circle of Elders

**Presenter:** Helen Bull and John Nepoose

**Discussion:**

- i. Presentations from EJSH and MOS.
- ii. Reviewed Cree terms for evaluation.
- iii. Suggestion to give graduates a Cree dictionary. Trina will include the expense in the Board budget.
- iv. Discussion on different types of protocol and how they can be taught in the school. Learning services will include in the curriculum development.

## 6. Board Education, Presentations, and Discussion

### a. Maskwacis Rules of Order report

**Presenter:** Matthew Wildcat

**Discussion:**

- i. Review draft procedures.
- ii. It's the responsibility of the Chair to keep the meeting on time. Need to respect Elders and Chiefs when speaking or presenting.
- iii. The document should recognize Nation documents such as the Constitution. May need to be taken to leadership for discussion.
- iv. Suggestion to use Cree for terminology.
- v. Discussion on allotted time for agenda items and how to extend the discussion.
- vi. Add a definition section.

### b. 2022-2023 School Calendar

**Presenter:** Tracy Sylvester

**Discussion:**

- i. Review total hours and days with the draft calendar.
- ii. There are flex blocks for students to catch up on classwork.
- iii. Discussion on hours of Cree instruction and why it may vary between schools because of the number of students, classes and instructors.
- iv. Suggestion to take out the October 31 PD day. Would need to inform the Nations if students will not be in school for Halloween because they typically plan activities for children and parents.
- v. Move the Elders forum to September during Treaty 6 week.

### c. Presentation to Chief Bull for service on the Board as Chief.

- i. Chief Bull has been a strong support of MESC and education in Maskwacis during his term as Chief.



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### d. Circle of Elders Handbook

**Presenter:** Brian Wildcat

**Decision:** **TABLED**

## 7. Items for Decision

### a. Schedule Board meeting to approve budgets

**Presenter:** Dr. Shauna Bruno

**Discussion:**

- i. Schedule March 30th from 2:00pm - 4:30pm.

### b. Schedule Portfolio Presentation

**Presenter:** Brian Wildcat

**Discussion:**

- i. Schedule April 5th 2:00pm - 4:30pm

### c. One time salary supplement

**Presenter:** Trina Vy

**Discussion:**

- i. Considering a one-time payment to all staff to accommodate 5.1% inflation as of today.
- ii. Review total amounts for bi-weekly, 3% increase, 4% increase and 5% increase.
- iii. To take the payment out of the surplus will require a Board motion.
- iv. Can be managed administratively and expensed to each site. Salaries are budgeted items.
- v. The executive will review the salary grids to compensate for inflation.

**Decision:** **Tabled to April Board meeting**

### d. School name changes (NSS & EJSH)

**Presenter:** Brian Wildcat

**Discussion:**

- i. Suggestion to send a letter to the Nations for name suggestions.
- ii. Will proceed with filming and complete the voice-over after the decision on the new names has been made.

**Decision:** **Tabled to April Board meeting**

## 8. Monitoring Board Performance

**Presenter:** Dr. Shauna Bruno

### a. GP-11: Board Linkage and Ownership (Direct Inspection)

**Discussion:**

- i. Discussion on the difference between 'ownership' and 'customer'.
- ii. Change '3 years' to '4 year'.
- iii. No evidence was requested.

### b. BMD-5: Superintendent Compensation (Direct Inspection)

**Discussion:**

- i. No evidence was requested.



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**c. BMD-6: Superintendent Termination (Content Review)**

**Discussion:**

- i. No changes

**9. Adjourn 6:30pm.**

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*Dr. Shauna Bruno - Chairperson*

*Date*